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SUBJECT: PROPOSED CITIZEN EXCHANGE CORPS VISIT IN BILINGUAL
EDUCATION

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1. EMB HAS LEARNED THAT USSR-USA SOCIETY OF THE UNION OF
FRIENDSHIP SOCIETIES OF THE USSR IS HOST FOR PROPOSED SUBJECT
VISIT. EMBOFF CONTACTED RESPONSIBLE PERSON,
NATALYA PAVLOVNA BATOVA, AND INFORMED HER THAT FISHMAN
HAD NOT YET RECEIVED VISA WHILE OTHERS IN DELEGATION HAD.
BATOVA EXPRESSED SURPRISE AND SAID THAT SHE WOULD CHECK INTO
MATTER. EMBOFF THEN INFORMED BATOVA THAT SOCIETY SHOULD BE
AWARE ALSO THAT, IF FISHMAN DID NOT RECEIVE VISA, OTHERS
IN DELEGATION WOULD NOT VISIT USSR AS PLANNED. EMBOFF ADDED
THAT INTEREST ON US SIDE IN PROGRAM WAS "HIGH" AND THAT A
CANCELLATION OF PLANNED VISIT DUE TO FAILURE TO ISSUE VISA
TO FISHMAN WOULD BE "UNFORTUNATE" AND WOULD HAVE
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"NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES.

2. CONSULAR COUNSELOR ALSO CONTACTED STEPANOV OF MFA
CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION AT 1530 WHO ADVISED THAT HE HAD
FISHMAN VISA APPLICATION BEFORE HIM AND UNDER CONSIDER-
ATION AT TIME OF CALL. COUNSELOR INQUIRED WHEN ANSWER
COULD BE EXPECTED. REPLY WAS "IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE."
COUNSELOR ASKED IF THAT MEANT BY COSE OF BUSINESS TODAY,
SINCE GROUP PLANNED TO DEPART DEC 4. STEPANOV
GAVE NON-COMMITTAL ANSWER, BUT THEN DID AGREE TO CALL
COUNSELOR BACK IF VISA IS TO BE ISSUED.

3. WILL ADVISE. MATLOCK

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